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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Jul-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/12/08	07/05/08
Broiler/fryer	172,426	151,747
Light hens	1,432	1,237
Heavy hens	1,767	1,335

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA ***DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING***

WEEK ENDING 05-Jul-08 (THOUSAND HEAD) LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL 209 213 Head 4 Head sltr Comparisons Last Week 343 0 343 Same week yr ago 247 0 247 To-date/2008 8,745 38 8,783 To-date/2007 14 6,615 6,629

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,378	1,356	2,734
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,907	1,711	3,618
Same week yr ago	1,278	1,180	2,458
To-date/2008	46,544	42,081	88,625
To-date/2007	36,788	37,782	74,570

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 05-JUL-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	146,181	1,169	1,352	2,521
Avg Wt	5.51	3.05	7.96	5.68
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	168,743	1,564	1,711	3,275
Same wk yr ago	148,315	1,031	1,180	2,211
Avg Wt	5.29	3.34	8.00	5.83
To-date/2008	4,420,602	37,799	42,043	79,842
To-date/2007	4,294,233	30,173	37,768	67,941

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 165.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 148.0 million head, or 17.9 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 05-Jul-08

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	39,131	71,954	21,140	13,956	146,181
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.39	6.83	8.59	5.51
% of total /1	27%	49%	14%	10%	100%
Last week	43,143	82,255	24,452	18,893	168,743
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.39	6.83	8.15	5.50
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Year Ago 2/	39,277	76,255	25,763	7,020	148,315
Avg Live Wgt	3.53	5.35	7.01	8.25	5.29
% of total /1	26%	51%	17%	6%	100%
To date/2008	1,161,152	2,142,572	645,877	471,001	4,420,602
To date/2007	1,155,628	2,173,027	652,731	312,847	4,294,233

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.
- /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 05-Jul-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (E	,	YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,394	2,392	13	10	3,809
Avg Wt	16.02	37.63	27.14	28.21	29.04
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,111	2,893	29	18	5,051
Same wk yr ago	1,641	2,450	35	0	4,126
Avg Wt	16.19	37.20	33.45	0.00	28.81
To-date/2008	52,568	73,213	597	271	126,649
To-date/2007	51,851	68,789	444	117	121,201

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.